

## NOTICE TO THE BAR

### **RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Patty Shwartz at Newark is due to expire on March 9, 2011, Magistrate Judge Ann Marie Donio at Camden is due to expire on March 23, 2011 and Magistrate Judge Tonianne J. Bongiovanni at Trenton is due to expire on April 13, 2011. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of the magistrate judge position include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to:

Merit Selection Panel  
c/o William T. Walsh, Clerk  
U.S. District Court  
District of New Jersey  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Federal Bldg. & U.S. Courthouse  
50 Walnut Street, Room 4015  
Newark, NJ 07102

**Comments must be received no later than October 1, 2010.**